

REMARKS

Claims 6-11 and 17-22 are pending and have been examiner in the present application.

Claims 6-11 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 7-12 and 18-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,847,818.

The present application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/703,052 (the “ ‘052 application”), which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,847,818 (the “ ‘818 patent”). In the ‘052 application, claims 6-11 and 17-22 were allowed. Before issuance of the ‘052 application, however, claims 6-11 and 17-22 were canceled by Applicant in an Amendment After Allowance filed on December 22, 2003 (copy attached as Exhibit A). Subsequently, claims 6-11 and 17-22 were renumbered as claims 7-12 and 18-23 and inadvertently printed in the ‘818 patent.

In order to remedy this, Applicant has filed a Request for Certificate of Correction in the ‘818 patent indicating that issued claims 7-12 and 18-23 should be deleted based on Applicants previously filed Amendment After Allowance. A copy of the filed Request for Certificate of Correction is attached as Exhibit B. Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

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In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance, notification of which is respectfully requested.

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